

October 29, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *WT Docket No. 02-285 – Amendment of Sections 90.20 and 90.175 of the
Commission's Rules for Frequency Coordination of Public Safety Frequencies in
the Private Land Mobile Radio Below-470 MHz Band*

Dear Mr. Chairman:

For the past ten years, my organization has supported local law enforcement and firefighting groups, as well as area business and industrial licensees, in and around Cheyenne, Wyoming, with two-way radio communications systems tailored to our unique environment. In order to provide these entities with an absolute communications solution, frequency coordination for industrial business licensees and especially for public safety licensees must be processed quickly, accurately and in a cost-effective manner for Wyoming's taxpayers.

The public safety coordination process today, however, can be improved upon to meet these necessary standards for public safety eligibles, and consequently, the public at-large. In this spirit, APCO sought competition in public safety frequency coordination services and ITA supported the request by recommending competition among all frequency coordinating committees. Absolute Solutions, Inc., supports ITA's request, as a move away from monopoly coordination will encourage faster coordination, while driving down prices and demanding accurate and efficient services. In addition, customer service may once again become the focus of frequency coordination for public safety applicants.

With these goals in mind and considering that the technology required for such competition already exists, the Commission should expand coordination competition in both the public safety and industrial/business radio pools to all public safety and industrial/business frequency coordinators.

Sincerely,

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